

II. REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' foreign priority claim and receipt of copies of the certified copy of the foreign priority document, JP 2003-177135, filed June 20, 2003, from the International Bureau.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed by Applicants on December 20, 2005 as evident from the date-stamped receipt card filed herewith as "Exhibit A." Furthermore, review of the USPTO PAIRS database reveals that Applicants' December 20th, 2005 IDS is of record, although it has been mislabeled as a "foreign reference." Exhibit B, filed herewith, is a copy of Applicants' IDS retrieved on June 16, 2009 from the USPTO PAIRs database.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 1-6, 9 and 11-16 have been allowed (Office Action, mailed June 5, 2009, Office Action Summary, Section 5). Claims 7, 8, 10 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. No rejection based on prior art presently stands against claims 7, 8, 10 and 17.

By the present paper, claims 7, 8, 10 and 17 have been amended. Specifically, claims 7 and 8 have been amended to clarify which "pressure sensor" is referred to in different parts of the claims. Claims 10 and 17 have been amended to address minor grammatical errors. The amendments to claims 7, 8, 10 and 17 have no further limiting effect on the scope of these claims.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application.

A. The Examiner's Objections

The Examiner lists numerous objections to the claims (See Office Action, dated June 5, 2009, at 2, lines 4-20). Applicant addresses the Examiner's objections as follows.

With respect to claim 1, line 4, the “odd punctuation mark” according to the Examiner’s query is a deleted comma whose deletion is marked by tracking of the editing software program used by Applicants’ attorney. With respect to claim 1, line 6, the “odd punctuation mark” is another deleted comma whose deletion is marked by tracking and the insertion of a semicolon, whose addition is marked by tracking.

With respect to claim 3, line 5, the “odd punctuation mark” according to the Examiner’s query is a deleted comma whose deletion is marked by tracking of the editing software program used by Applicants’ attorney. With respect to claim 3, line 6, the “odd punctuation mark” is another deleted comma whose deletion is marked by tracking and the insertion of a semicolon, whose addition is marked by tracking.

With respect to claim 4, the single “_” mark of line 7 indicates that a space has been added. This mark tracks the added space in accordance with the editing software program used by Applicants’ attorney to amend the claims.

With respect to claim 5, “line 5 from the last,” the single “_” mark indicates that a space has been added. This mark tracks the added space in accordance with the editing software program used by Applicants’ attorney to amend the claims.

With respect to claim 10, the phrase “the control valve” has antecedent basis from claim 3, line 3, which recites “a control valve.”

The remaining objections made by the Examiner have been overcome by the present amendment.

III. CONCLUSION

Claims 1-6, 9 and 11-16 have been allowed. In view of the present amendment, claims 7, 8, 10 and 17 are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 10 depends upon allowed claim 3 and is, therefore, likewise allowable. No art rejection

stands against claims 7, 8 and 17. Therefore, claims 7, 8 and 17 are in condition for allowance.

For all of the above reasons, claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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